

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 16, without prejudice, and substitute amended claims 10-15 and 17 as follows:

10. (Amended) A head supporting arrangement comprising:

a base plate;

a support spring; and

at least one microactuator device connected between said

5 base plate and said support spring,

wherein said microactuator device and portions of said base plate and said support spring adjacent to said microactuator device are coated with a coating film so that said microactuator device is entirely enclosed by said coating film.

11. (Amended) A head supporting arrangement comprising:

a base plate;

a support spring; and

a plurality of microactuator devices connected between said

5 base plate and said support spring,

wherein said microactuator devices and portions of said base plate and said support spring adjacent to each of said microactuator device are coated with a coating film so that each of said microactuator devices is entirely enclosed by said
10 coating film.

12. (Amended) A head supporting arrangement according to claim 11, further comprising a flexible substrate on which said microactuator devices are mounted, said flexible substrate being connected between said base plate and said support spring and
5 being coated with said coating film together with said microactuator devices.

13. (Amended) A head supporting arrangement according to any one of claims 10 through 12, wherein said support spring is elastically coupled to said base plate.

14. (Second Amended) A disk recording apparatus comprising:
the head supporting arrangement according to any one of claims 10 through 12; and

a head supported by said support spring of said head
5 supporting arrangement to access to a rotary disk,

wherein the microactuator device of said head supporting arrangement is adapted to carry out fine adjustment of a positional relationship of said head with respect to said disk.

15. (Amended) A disk recording apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said head comprises a magnetic head.

17. (Amended) A disk recording apparatus comprising:
the head supporting arrangement according to claim 13; and
a head supported by said support spring of said head
supporting arrangement to access a rotary disk,
5 wherein the microactuator device of said head supporting
arrangement is adapted to carry out fine adjustment of a
positional relationship of said head with respect to said disk.